

HOUSE RESOLUTION 181

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A RESOLUTION supporting the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen program and its efforts to promote responsible dog ownership.

WHEREAS, dogs play an important role in the lives of many Tennessee citizens by serving as companions and assistance and therapy dogs; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that dog-related problems are most often caused by irresponsible owners; and

WHEREAS, responsible dog ownership is encouraged in Tennessee, and responsible dog owners should properly control and provide adequate training for their dogs; and

WHEREAS, the Canine Good Citizen program identifies and officially recognizes those dogs who behave as members in good standing with the community; and

WHEREAS, developed by the American Kennel Club, the Canine Good Citizen program teaches pet owners that dogs should exhibit "good citizen" behaviors in the presence of people and other animals, in both the home and the community; and

WHEREAS, with pet bites and animal trespassing concerns on the rise, there is a real need for dogs to remain well-behaved community members; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we support and endorse the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen program and its efforts to promote responsible dog ownership in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.